

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S14923–S14971*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1868–1875. **Pages S14964–65**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 720, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–196)

S. 1136, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–197)

S. 793, to provide for increased energy savings and environmental benefits through the increased use of recovered mineral component in federally funded projects involving procurement of cement or concrete, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–198)

S. Res. 253, to recognize the evolution and importance of motorsports. **Page S14964**

**Measures Passed:**

**Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act:** Senate passed S. 1743, to permit reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment. **Pages S14969–70**

**VA–HUD Appropriations Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2861, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14932–40**

**Adopted:**

Bond (for Reid/Graham (FL)) Amendment No. 2194 (to Amendment No. 2150), to express the sense of Congress on damages caused by the regime of Saddam Hussein during the First Gulf War. **Pages S14932–34**

Durbin Amendment No. 2195 (to Amendment No. 2150), to provide that none of the funds provided in this Act may be expended to apply, in a numerical estimate of the benefits of an agency action prepared pursuant to Executive Order 12866 or section 812 of the Clean Air Act, monetary values for adult premature mortality that differ based on the age of the adult. **Pages S14934–36**

Bond (for Daschle) Amendment No. 2196 (to Amendment No. 2150), to provide for epidemiological studies on Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam. **Pages S14937–38**

Bond (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2197 (to Amendment No. 2150), to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement policies that prohibit the Veterans Integrated Service Networks from conducting outreach or marketing to enroll new veterans in such Networks. **Page S14938**

Bond (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2198 (to Amendment No. 2150), to require a study of the Moving to Work demonstration program. **Pages S14938–39**

**Withdrawn:**

Clinton Amendment No. 2152 (to Amendment No. 2150), to permit the use of funds for the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of enhanced services while limiting the use of funds for the initiative for purposes of the closure or reduction of services pending a modification of the initiative to take into account long-term care, domiciliary care, and mental health services and other matters. **Page S14937**

**Pending:**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 2150, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14932**

Dayton Amendment No. 2193 (to Amendment No. 2150), to fully fund the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building. **Pages S14936–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments on Tuesday, November 18, 2003. **Page S14971**

**Federal Aviation Administration Authorization—Conference Report:** Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration.

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During consideration of this measure, Senate also took the following actions:

By 45 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 453), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the conference report.

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Senator Frist entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report failed.

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**Agriculture Appropriations—Additional Conferees:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to expand the number of conferees to H.R. 2675, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, to include the following members on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Shelby, Gregg, Campbell, Hutchison, DeWine, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Mikulski, Reid, and Murray.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Cybercrime Convention (Treaty Doc. No. 108–11).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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#### **Appointment:**

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, announced the appointment of John M. Falk, of Washington, D.C., to be Chairman of the Congressional Award Board.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

James C. Oberwetter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the United States Presidency of the G–8.

Gay Hart Gaines, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army. **Page S14971**

**Measures Read First Time:** **Page S14964**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S14969**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S14969**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—453) **Page S14951**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:41 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14971).

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 253, to recognize the evolution and importance of motorsports; and

The nominations of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Federico Lawrence Rocha, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of California, both of the Department of Justice.